

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4521, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM STATUS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the technical status of the National Missile Defense program. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

LATIN AMERICA—MONETARY STABILITY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Monetary Stability in Latin America: Is Dollarization the Answer? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRICARE CLAIMS PROCESSING

Committee on the Budget: Defense and International Relations Task Force held a hearing on TRICARE Claims Processing: Why Does It Cost So Much? Testimony was heard from H. James T. Sears, M.D., Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense; Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

DOE'S FIXED-PRICE CLEANUP CONTRACTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled: "DOE's Fixed-Price Cleanup Contracts: Why are Costs Still Out of Control?" Testimony was heard from T. J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Sciences Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2000

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 4445, Reciprocal Compensation Adjustment Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Strickling, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC; Joan Smith, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Oregon; Jay A. Blossman, Jr., Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

OSHA'S COMPLIANCE DIRECTIVE ON BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on OSHA's Compliance Directive on Bloodborne Pathogens and the Prevention of Needlestick Injuries. Testimony was heard from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing of the "2000 Census: Status of Non-Response Follow-Up and Close Out." Testimony was heard from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

DEBT PAY INCENTIVE ACT; CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4181, Debt Pay Incentive Act of 2000.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled: "H.R. 4246, Cyber Security Information Act of 2000: An Examination of Issues Involving Public-Private Partnerships for Critical Infrastructures." Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; John Tritak, Director, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATE DEPARTMENT

Committee on International Relations: Concluded oversight hearings on the State Department, Part IV: Technology Modernization and Computer Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Fernando Burbano, Chief Information Officer; and Wayne Rychak, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security; John Brock, Director, Government and Defense Systems, GSA; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE RULEMAKINGS AND REGIONAL PLANS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on an update on Forest Service Rulemakings and Regional Plans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Randle G. Philips, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation; and Chris Risbrudt, Director, Eco-System Management Coordination; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3033, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of Biscayne National Park in the State of Florida; H.R. 3520, amended, White Clay Creek and Scenic Rivers System Act; H.R. 4125, amended, to provide a grant under the urban park and recreation recovery program to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio; H.R. 4275, amended, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4404, amended, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law; H.R. 4579, Utah West Desert Land Exchange Act of 2000; and H.R. 3693, Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000.

E-COMMERCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on E-Commerce: A Review of Standards and Technology to Support Interoperability. Testimony was heard from Karen Brown, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DOT'S PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Department of Transportation's Proposed Hours of Service regulations for Motor Carriers. Testimony was heard from Clyde J. Hart, Jr., Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

FULL AND FAIR POLITICAL ACTIVITY DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2000

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4717, Full and Fair Political Activity Disclosure Act of 2000.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D640)

H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program. Signed June 20, 2000. (P.L. 106-224)

H.R. 3642, to authorize the President to award posthumously a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world. Signed June 20, 2000. (P.L. 106-225)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JUNE 23, 2000****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing to examine the status of the Department of Energy program to develop a permanent geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Combating Money Laundering Worldwide, 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue oversight hearings on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry: Part 2, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.